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**INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM**

**Situation in the Dominican Republic  
(Report # 173 - Summary of the Situation from 6:00 am - 9:00 pm EDT)**

1. Sporadic sniper fire continues against US forces despite the ceasefire. At 12:45 pm EDT a helicopter from the USS Okinawa was hit by machine-gun fire originating from the rebel held Ciudad Nueva area. The helicopter with the copilot wounded landed safely. The latest casualty figures from the National Military Command Center are 10 killed and 58 wounded in action.

2. As of 4:00 pm EDT today the SS Santo Domingo was still smoldering in the Ozama River. The ship, which was apparently carrying rebel arms, was sunk yesterday.

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4. Ambassador Bennett has received several reliable reports today of growing tension in Caamano headquarters. Caamano's self-styled

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"political adviser," Hector Aristy, appears to be dominating Caamano more and more and "barks orders to him like a top sergeant." Caamano gives the impression of being dazed, according to these reports. Today Aristy sent a message to Ambassador Bennett telling him that the rebels "control the situation but if we lose prestige, we will lose control." Aristy said that a new junta would be unacceptable and added that "I intend that Caamano will fill out Bosch's term." The Ambassador comments that he believes Aristy, who has been characterized as a slick and thoroughly untrustworthy opportunist, can be bought off at the proper moment.

5. According to a French news service, rebel "foreign minister" Jottin Cury sent President de Gaulle a telegram asking him to use all his prestige and power to protest against US intervention in the Dominican Republic. Curry reportedly has also sent telegrams to all Latin American governments protesting the US action. This morning President de Gaulle expressed his disapproval of "foreign troops" in the Dominican Republic and said they ought to be withdrawn, according to a French cabinet minister's comments in a subsequent press conference. The French minister added that the De Gaulle government was considering recognizing the Caamano "government" and the French ambassador in Santo Domingo had already been in contact with the rebel regime. No definite decision on recognition had yet been made, however.

6. US efforts to form a viable loyalist government continue, but have not yet borne fruit. The refusal of the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) to accept Antonio Imbert in a proposed junta have again turned US efforts towards the formation of an essentially non-political junta. A separate effort by the Reformist Party (PR), the party of former president Joaquin Balaguer, to form a government with the PRD, and the Social Christian Revolutionary Party (PRSC), was rejected by PRD leader Molina Urena, who served as provisional president early in the revolution.

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7. US military attachés consider General de los Santos, air force chief of staff, to be the only "fighting general" on the loyalist side. The others have been and continue to be ineffective. The attachés do not feel, however, that the Dominican military has disintegrated, and point out that the air force, navy and armed forces training center are all intact and still control the preponderance of their equipment and forces.

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